November 8, 2007

Red Wing City MS4 Mr. Denny Tebbe, Public Works 315 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street Red Wing, MN 55066-2504

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RE: Issuance of Coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit MNR040000 for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems for Red Wing City MS4

Dear Mr. Tebbe:

In accordance with Minn. R. 7001.0140, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has made a final determination to issue coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit MNR040000 for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 General Permit) to the city of Red Wing, effective November 8, 2007. Please find enclosed a copy of the above referenced MS4 General Permit.

The MPCA's final decision to issue permit coverage is based on the following:

- MPCA staff has reviewed your MS4 General Permit application and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP);
- Public notice and opportunity for comment on your MS4 General Permit application and SWPPP has been provided and no comments that required a written response were received.
- MPCA staff has determined that your SWPPP is adequate.

As you know, it is the responsibility of the MS4 owner and/or operator to comply with the requirements of the MS4 General Permit and your SWPPP. This issuance of coverage does not preclude the MPCA from following up with an inspection or audit to verify compliance with the MS4 General Permit and SWPPP. Also, be aware that as a condition of recordkeeping, Part VI.B of the MS4 General Permit requires that the permittee retain their SWPPP and all records pertinent to it for at least three (3) years beyond the term of the MS4 General Permit.

In addition, for an MS4 that was covered under the previous MS4 General Permit (issuance date March 10, 2003), coverage under that permit is terminated on the effective date as specified above. An MS4 covered under the new MS4 General Permit is required to report on activities that were required or committed to under the previous permit. The MPCA expects that your MS4's annual report, due June 30, 2008, will cover all activities and permit requirements of the previous year regardless which permit those activities are conducted under.

Finally, the MPCA thanks you for your cooperation in the permitting process. Please retain this letter as documentation of your MS4 General Permit coverage under the NPDES/SDS Permit MNR040000.

Please contact Anna Kerr at 651-297-5219 of our staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dale Thompson, Supervisor Municipal Stormwater Unit Municipal Division

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Enclosure